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SUBJECT: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
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1. SCIATT PASSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO DE BIRAN, MFA
OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND
TO LOUIS GROS, FRENCH CSTD REP. BOTH WERE HIGHLY
APPRECIATIVE. GROS COMMENTED THAT ONLY FRENCH RESERVA-
TIONS ON CSTD RESOLUTIONS WERE A) FUNDING FOR PUBLICITY
FOR WORLD PLAN OF ACTION WAS TOO HIGH; AND B) RESOLUTION
FOR SPECIAL ARID ZONE STUDY WOULD NEEDLESSLY REPEAT UN
WORK DONE SINCE 1948.
2. WITH SOME PROMPTING, HE OPINED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN LDC'S, RATHER THAN APPLICATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, WOULD BE
BETTER, MORE MANAGEABLE FOCUS FOR PROPOSED CSTD CONFER-
ENCE. THIS ACCORDED WITH VIEWS OF SOME LDC REPS AT LAST
CSTD CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, LDC'S WOULD BE REPRE-
SENTED BY DIFFERENT KINDS OF OFFICIALS AT ECOSOC MEETING.
HENCE HE CONCLUDED THAT LITTLE COULD BE DONE THERE TO
FOCUS SUBJECT OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

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3. LOOKING TOWARD FUTURE, GROS SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE

PROFITABLE FOR FRANCE AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO
WORK WITH INDIAN REP DR. MENNON AT OCTOBER MEETING OF UN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS INDIA
SEEMED TO BE IN POSITION OF SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP AMONG
LDC'S. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING FRENCH MFA WOULD DEVELOP
POSITION ON FEBRUARY 1975 MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL
WORKING GROUP (IWG). HE WISHED THEN TO CONSULT WITH US
AND ASKED FOR SCIATT ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT ONE WEEK
NOW SCHEDULED FOR IWG WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT AND THAT TEN
WORKING DAYS WOULD BE PREFERABLE.
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